

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6172

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As of April 17, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to oil spill prevention and preparedness.

**Brief Description:** Eliminating the oil spill advisory council.

**Sponsors:** Senators Rockefeller and Ranker.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 4/18/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Maria Hovde (786-7710)

**Background:** In 2005 the Oil Spill Advisory Council (Council) was created in the Office of the Governor to maintain the state's vigilance in the prevention of oil spills, while improving preparedness and response. The Council also serves as an advisory body on, and provides for stakeholder and public consideration of, matters relating to international, national, and regional oil spill issues.

The Council is composed of 16 members appointed by the Governor, plus two invited tribal representatives. Members are appointed representing the following interests: environmental communities, commercial shellfish industries, other commercial fisheries, marine recreation, tourism, county governments, marine trade, marine labor, major oil facilities, public ports, and individuals who reside on a shoreline. Appointments to the council must reflect a geographical balance and the diversity of populations within the areas potentially affected by oil spills in state waters. All members serve a four-year term.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (Proposed First Substitute):** The activities of the Council are suspended for the 2009-11 biennium.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on June 30, 2009.